

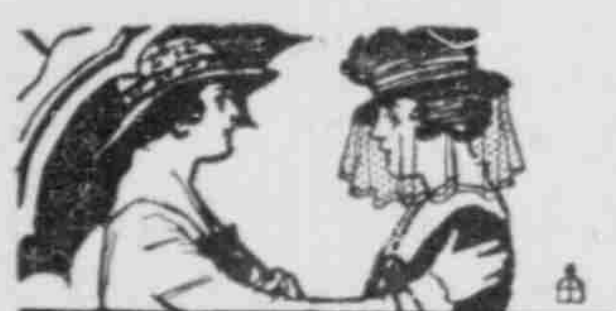
NEWS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

TELLS WORK OF
RAIL WAR BOARDSChicago Committee Man Says
Great Strides Made
in 1917.

Present traffic conditions and the work being done by the railroads to relieve congestion, the need of co-operation between the dealers as well as the railroads, were the subjects discussed by D. I. Forsythe, vice chairman of the Chicago committee of the railroad war board, and L. P. Hardy, fuel administrator, at the annual meeting of the Traffic club at the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening.

Mr. Forsythe described in detail the committee which make up the Chicago railroad war board and gave figures to show the great work done in relieving the traffic congestion in and about Chicago. Delayed coal shipments have been done away with entirely in that city. In answer to the charge made that certain railroads had held up cars of potatoes until they were in such a condition that they had to be dumped out as garbage, he said, that the potatoes were from front bidden when loaded and their spoiling was not the fault of premeditated congestion. The Chicago board has eliminated all possibility of this in the future by passing an ordinance that all perishable goods must not stay in the yards more than 48 hours.

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British Smash Teutons'
Dream to Win Egypt

Jerusalem is in the hands of the British after having been for virtually 1,200 years in the control of the Moslems.

The holy city of the Christian religion capitulated to Gen. Allenby's forces, consisting of British, French and Italian troops, after it had been entirely surrounded, and with its fall seemed swept away the dream of the Germans and the Turks of driving southward through Palestine, capturing the Suez canal and invading Egypt.

Since the recent taking of the town of Jaffa on the Mediterranean sea and the gradual closing in on Jerusalem by the allied forces, the fall of the ancient city daily had been anticipated. It was not the lack of strength that prevented its capture, but rather the desire of Gen. Allenby to carry out his plan for enveloping the city and forcing its capitulation, as a frontal attack would have endangered the numerous sacred places inside the city and in its environs.

Frederick II. Last Ruler.
The capture of Jerusalem by the British forces marks the end, with two brief interludes, of more than 1,200 years possession of the seat of the Christian religion by the Mohammedans. For 673 years the Holy City has been in undisputed ownership of the Turks, the last Christian ruler of Jerusalem being the German emperor, Frederick II., whose short-lived domination lasted from 1229 to 1244.

Apart from its connection with the campaign being waged against Turkey by the British in Mesopotamia, the fall of Jerusalem was the definite collapse of the long-protracted efforts of the Turks to capture the Suez canal and invade Egypt. Almost the first move made by Turkey after her entrance into the war was a campaign against Egypt across the great desert of the Sinai peninsula. In November, 1914, a Turkish army, variously estimated at from 75,000 to 250,000 men, marched on the Suez canal and succeeded in reaching within striking distance of the great artificial waterway at several points. For several months bitter fighting took place, the canal being defended by an Anglo-Egyptian army aided by Australians and New Zealanders and French and British forces.

Retreat Begins in 1915.
For the greater part of 1915 conflicting reports of the situation were heard from the belligerents, but in December of that year definite information showed that the Turks had been driven back as far as El Arish, about 55 miles east of the canal. A full occurred then which lasted for six months and in June, 1916, the Turks again advanced as far as Katieh, about 15 miles east of the canal. Here they were decisively defeated, losing more than 2,000 prisoners and great quantities of equipment. Another period followed in which the situation was

greatly confused through the vagueness and contradictory character of the official statements, but in December, 1916, the British stormed El Arish and a few days later severely defeated the Turks at Maghdabah, about 60 miles to the south on the same front. Two weeks later the invaders had been driven out of Egypt and the British forces crossed the border into Palestine.

There had been no hint from either official or unofficial sources, as to a British intention to undertake a definite invasion of the Holy Land and it was with intense surprise that the world learned on March 7 last that the British forces had captured El Khullil, 15 miles south of Jerusalem. El Khullil is the modern name of ancient Hebron. The campaign lapsed into stagnancy through the heated period, but was actively renewed with the setting in of cooler weather last fall.

Tighten Line About City.
Early in November the British activity resulted in the capture of Beersheba, 40 miles south of Jerusalem. Simultaneously a coastal column became active. By Nov. 7 the city of Gaza was in their hands and the British were pursuing the Turks northward after having inflicted casualties estimated at in excess of 10,000.

By this time the British inland force was again up in the neighborhood of Hebron, where the Turks were reported organizing for the defense of Jerusalem. Gen. Allenby, the British commander, meanwhile kept his forces near the coast in rapid motion and pushed on to Jaffa, the port of Jerusalem, in mid-November.

By Nov. 22 the British had pushed within five miles of Jerusalem on the northwest and on Dec. 7 Gen. Allenby announced that he had definite possession of Hebron. Jerusalem thus was virtually cut off on all sides but the east. Few details have come through since that date, but the encircling movement must have been carried out with considerable rapidity, resulting in the surrender of the city.

City of Romance and Sentiment.
In sentimental and romantic aspect the capture of Jerusalem far exceeds the fall of fabled-crowned Baghdad. The modern city of Jerusalem contains about 60,000 inhabitants and is the home of peace, faith and fervor, but in historic interest it naturally surpasses, to the Christian world, all other places in the world. Since the days when Joshua wrested it from the hands of the Jebusites to make it the capital of the Jewish race, Jerusalem has been the prize and prey of half the races of the world. It has passed successively into the hands of the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Persians, Arabs, Turks, the motley crowds of the Crusaders, finally to fall before the descendants of that Richard the Lion-Hearted, who strove in vain for its possession more than 700 years ago.

PROMISE SURPRISES
AT GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Great plans are being laid for the third annual concert by the Notre Dame Glee club at the Oliver theater Thursday night by the governing board of that organization. Pres't Charles McCauley, Director John J. Becker, John Reuss, Richard Dunn, Delmar Edmondson, Paul Loosen, Joe Loosen, Joe McGuinness, Walter O'Keefe and Chas. Overton are the men who have been working for three months to make the affair of Thursday night a success. There will be surprises a plenty, with Corona, Ott, McCauley and O'Keefe doing the heavy work outside of the numbers given by the club proper.

FLEET OF FREIGHTERS
GRIPPED IN ICE PACK

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 11.—A fleet of lake freighters, estimated to number fully 25, Monday night were fast in the ice in the lower Detroit river, and between here and Port Huron. Not a vessel passed through the river today.

Ice has been forming rapidly since Saturday, when a blizzard, accompanied by zero weather, kept the fleet in shelter. In the Livingstone channel, below Detroit, nine or ten vessels are fast in the ice, while 20 or 25 are reported wedged in somewhere below Port Huron.

Arrangements have been made by the Lake Carriers association to send ice crushers to the imprisoned vessels. Four tugs and a car ferry are keeping the channel open through St. Mary's river, at Sault Ste. Marie.

3,500 TO ATTEND O. R.
T. C. AT SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirty-five hundred student officers from seven national guard divisions are to be trained at Camp Stanley, San Antonio, it was officially announced Monday. It is estimated 5,000 student officers will be at the camp when it opens Jan. 5. The names of the national guard divisions from which the men are to be sent has not been announced.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Andrew F. Grenett, farmer, South Bend, and Edna Harkins, domestic, South Bend.
Verney Snelling, laborer, South Bend, and Fannie Betty, South Bend.

TO ADDRESS FARMING CLASS.
Mrs. Ullery will address the night agriculture class in room 122 of the high school Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. He will treat some phase of dairy work.

LONE BRITISH CAPTAIN
ATTACKS FOE WITH CLUB

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 11.—A staff captain is mentioned in the orders of the day issued by the general commanding a certain British division on the Cambrai front as follows: "By his heroic conduct he saved the whole brigade, if not the division."

This little note hides the story of the remarkable bravery displayed by this captain under the stimulus of hatred aroused by the crippling of his baby girl by a German air raid on England.

ROCKEFELLER RELIEF
BUDGET OVER 5 MILLION

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Rockefeller foundation budget for war relief expenditures in 1918 will reach \$5,000,000 with a possible addition of \$5,000,000 which can be appropriated from the principal fund of the foundation. The budget was approved by the trustees at their monthly meeting Monday.

The estimated income for 1918 is \$10,745,360, of which \$4,293,560 is a balance from 1917, consisting largely of monies already appropriated for Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other camp activities and to be paid in 1918.

The proposed expenditures include \$2,445,000 for the work of the international health board. Of this amount \$424,000 is for the tuberculosis campaign in France.

In announcing the budget, the foundation officials said that in view of the repeated calls for war work during the coming year it seemed likely that the total of \$10,000,000 recently voted as available from the principal fund would have to be called upon.

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